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C O N F I D E N T I A L PANAMA 1649

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EO 11652: GDS

SUBJ: GFZB-75-8002, COLOMBIA

1. ON MAR 5, 1976 SAIC BEDOLLA MET WITH THE PROVOST MARSHAL,
COLONEL J F RUSSELL, SOUTHCOM. DURING THE MEETING COL RUSSELL
IMPLIED THAT US ARMY HELICOPTERS COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR SEARCH
OF MARIJUANA FIELDS IN COLOMBIA. PDO HAS BEEN UTILIZING US ARMY
HELICOPTERS FOR OVERFLIGHTS OF ISLANDS IN THE BAY OF PANAMA KNOWN TO
CULTIVATE MAIJUANA. COL RUSSELL STATED THAT BETTER USE OF ARMY
HELICOPTERS COULD BE MADE IN SEARCHING FOR THE MARIJUANA FIELDS IN
COLOMBIA.

2. THIS RAISES THE POSSIBILITY OF USING US ARMY HELICOPTERS AS
SUGGESTED BY COL RUSSELL. IF BOGOTA DO IS INTERESTED SUGGEST THE
SAIC CONTACT MILGROUP AND REQUEST USE OF US ARMY HELICOPTERS FROM
SOUTHCOM. REQUEST FOR USE OF HELICOPTERS WOULD MORE THAN LIKELY HAVE
TO BE MAE THROUGH THE COUNTRY TEAM.

BEDOLLA, SAIC

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